

**THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE HOUSE  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FAMILIES  
AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 17, 2005**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Room 519 House Office Building**

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The Joint Committee meeting with Family and Children Services and the Senate Families and Human Services Committees was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair of the Family and Children Services Committee.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Clack, Spade, Polidori, Lemmons, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Hoogendyk and Sheen.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 2, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to excuse absent members. The motion was supported by **Representative Spade**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The chair opened the floor for a hearing on the new proposed daycare licensing rules.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative John Moolenaar**, spoke in regards to the proposed licensing rules.

**Jim Gale**, Director of the Child Licensing Division, explained the proposed changes to the daycare licensing rules.

**Jim Sinnamon**, Director of the Child Licensing Division of the Department of Human Services, explained the proposed changes to the daycare licensing rules.

**Representative Lemmons, III.**, introduced a constituent Joan T. Hamilton to the committee.

**Joan T. Hamilton**, representing Joannie's Jingle Jangle Children, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Michelle Federer**, representing Stepping Stones.

**Ruby Iwamasa**, representing the Michigan Association of Public Broadcasting-Delta College, discussed the Ready to Learn Program.

**Karole L. White**, President of the Michigan Association of Public Broadcasting, discussed the Ready to Learn Program and opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

*The chair called the meeting at ease at 2:40 p.m.*

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.*

**Anne Marie Moore**, representing the Michigan Association Child Care Providers, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Jan Malkar**, representing the Michigan Montessori Society, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Kay Neff**, representing the Michigan Montessori Society, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Nannette Clencer**, representing the Oak Trails Montessori School, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Kathy Ray**, representing the Kid's Corner of Williamston, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Lila Andrews**, representing Kid's Corner of Williamston, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Kristi Maynard**, representing Childcare Providers, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Shelly Wontorcik**, representing the Treasured Tots Daycare and Preschool, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Dan Lenzi**, representing Little Hornbook Dan School, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Dee Horan**, representing White Lake Area Community Education, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Charleen Dubie**, representing Child Care Providers, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Dr. Joan Firestone**, Director of Early Child Hood at Oakland Schools, discussed the development and stimulation of children's brains.

**Shirley Mohney**, representing the Island Kiddie Kampus CDC Inc., opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Paula Riley**, representing Building Blocks Learning Center, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Stephen Manchester**, representing the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Jennie McAlpine**, representing the Child Care Network.

**Jim Hackney**, owner of the Red Bell Preschool of Plymouth, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Bruce Boardman**, owner and director of the Meadowbank Schools, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Brita Boer**, representing Child Care Providers in general, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Julie Fish** and **Joanne Size**, partners in ownership at The Looking Glass, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Pamela Eaton-Champion** and **Lisa Leonard**, representing the Advocates for Better Childcare, opposed some of the proposed licensing rules.

**Dr. Keith Myers**, Director of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, supported the proposed licensing rules.

**Mark Sullivan**, representing the Michigan 4C Association, supported the proposed licensing rules.

**Brenda Wedarski**, owner of the Children's Garden Center, opposed the some of the proposed licensing rules.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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**Representative John Stahl, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services**  
Ben Williams Jr.  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
3 Hours and 40 Minutes